

BENZIE COUNTY, M]

Information based on Congressional districts of the 106th U.S. Congress, 1997

	1997	1992	1987
Farms			
Number	140	120	149
Acreage	22,556	19,844	23,966
Average size (acres)	161	165	161
Median size (acres)	87	N	N
Estimated market value average per farm			
Land/buildings (dollars)	296,703	173,486	133,966
Machinery/equip (dollars)	41,306	44,636	25,487
Cropland (acres)			
Total	12,086	10,723	12,665
Harvested	8,102	7,117	7,778
Irrigated	210	441	602
Agricultural products sold - market value			
(\$1,000)	6,636	4,568	3,833
(dollars avg. per farm)	47,400	38,063	25,728
Agricultural sales - Net cash return per farm			
(dollars average)	11,556	2,814	1,274
Livestock inventory (number)			
Cattle and calves	1,556	1,381	1,562
Beef cows	D	D	410
Milk cows	D	D	48
Hogs and pigs	D	803	954
Sheep and lambs	26	54	D
Layers 13 wks or older	378	D	435
Broilers and chicken (sold)	0	D	D
Harvested commodities (acres)			
Corn, grain or seed	1,383	565	705
Corn, silage or green chop	N	N	N
Sorghum, grain or seed	N	N	N
Wheat	D	D	25
Barley	N	N	N
Oats	N	N	N
Rice	N	N	N
Sunflowerseed	N	N	N
Cotton	N	N	N
Tobacco	N	N	N
Soybeans	0	0	0
Dry edible beans, excl m's	0	0	0
Potatoes, excl sweetpotatoes	N	N	N
Sugarbeets for sugar	N	N	N
Sugarcane for sugar	N	N	N
Peanuts for nuts	N	N	N
Hay-alalfa	1,704	1,591	1,974
Vegetables			
Number of farms	6	8	13
Acreage	82	244	220

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Orchards			
Number of farms	47	56	71
Acreage	3,205	3,759	4,219

Abbreviations/footnotes:

N represents zero.

0 represents an insignificant amount.

D-W withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.

Source: USDA, NASS, 1997 Census of Agriculture